



GOD LOVE

IN MEMORY OF REV. B. L. HICKS
AND J. J. CRANE

O child, don't weep for father dear!
As you travel on and labor here;
You'll miss him, but he's gone to rest,
For Jesus really loved him best.

The record that was left behind,
Though parting makes our hearts to pine,
Is true that he's at rest with God;
He went the way the saints have trod.

If you cannot ever say
Just why God called in this sad way,
'Tis He who does all things right;
We'll meet him in that home so bright.

Friends, look beyond this valley dim;
The sun is shining in that realm
Where tears no more will ever be.
But, oh, the joy of eternity!

Trust in the God that father knew
Until you bid this world adieu;
Then you can take him by the hand
Over yonder in the promised land.

—REV. WILLARD MURRAY.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

July 20, 1946

“... concerning them which are asleep, ... sorrow not, even
as others which have no hope,” 1 Thess. 4:13.

1 TIM. 3:15

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NOTICES...

Notice

As in previous years, the books of the General Headquarters of the Church of God will close at noon, July 31, 1946. All District and State Convention offerings for missions and orphanage should be sent in in time to reach our office not later than the above date.

For the past two years, the State Overseers were asked to bring their State Convention mission offerings with them to the Assembly, but that act has been repealed and we are now asking you to send said offerings directly to the Church of God General Secretary and Treasurer.

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E. J. BOEHMER,
General Secretary and
Treasurer.

Having received several letters from people throughout the U. S. A. wishing me to contact your friends and other requests, it has been a pleasure for me to do so. I hope I have served you satisfactorily. I remain at your immediate service.—Cpl. Auza Vinson, Hdq. Det. No. 2-1326-S.C.U., Camp Lee, Va.

DEATHS

Armstrong

On June 3, 1946, the death angel carried Brother Sethel Armstrong, age forty-five years, to that home that is prepared for the righteous. He received the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God twenty-five years ago.—J. E. Moseley, Bruce, Miss.

Dixon

Brother Albert Dixon, a faithful member of the Church of God at Richmond Dale, Ohio, was born September 19, 1871, and died May 27, 1946.—Willis E. Combs, Norwood, Ohio.

McDaniel

Brother C. F. McDaniel, a member of the Church of God at Bogalusa, La., departed this life June 8, 1946; age fifty-eight years, three months,

and twenty-two days.—His pastor, Lester E. Beasley, Box 724, Bogalusa, La.

Gallagher

Our darling son, McGee, went home to be with Jesus on May 18, 1946, age fourteen years, eleven months, and ten days.

He had the Holy Ghost, and was a member of the Church of God. He trusted God to the end for his healing, died in the faith, shouted and praised the Lord to the end.

Pray for us.—Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gallagher, Waynesboro, Tenn.

Taylor

Sister Shepherd Taylor passed away March 31, 1946.

She had many friends over the States outside of the church. She was one of the great warriors of our times, and has worked throughout the southern states, the western states and some of the northern states. She has been the means of thousands of souls being brought to the Lord. I have heard her say many times that she had rather wear out than rust out, and she made her rather come true. She preached as long as she was able to go, and was a fearless preacher and didn't shun to declare the whole counsel of God. The last sermon that she preached, I had to help her up and help her to the rostrum, and she was hardly able to stand until the power of God came upon her and she preached and demonstrated under the mighty power of God, as if she were young again.

We expect to see Sister Taylor on that great morning of all mornings. She is not dead, but just away.—Her husband, Larkin Taylor.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body of T.B.; my husband's healing of T.B.—Mrs. M. L. Rasnake, Catawba Sanatorium, Va.

The healing of my body; the healing of my pastor, Rev. Haire; my son in service.—Mrs. Ruby McMullen, Rt. 1, Colquitt, Ga.

God to heal my body of T. B.—James Rollison, Windsor, S. C.

Me to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. B. M. Mabry.

The healing of my body, I am suffering severely, I had a tooth pulled three years ago and it has been bothering me ever since. The doctor said it was an infection and I would have to be operated on. Encouragement appreciated.—Irene Mathis, Rt. 1, Whigham, Ga.

The healing of my body; my mother-in-law to be healed.—Bennie Waters, Rt. 1, Ashland, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body and undertake for me; my son to be healed mentally; my home.—Mrs. Ethel Robbins, 305 S. Earl St., Independence, Kans.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Martha Page, Rhodhiss, N. C.

God to heal my daughter's head and undertake for her home.—A sister in Christ, Cartersville, Ga.

My wife's body to be healed; my sister-in-law to be healed of heart trouble.—J. A. Fields, 536 Hughes St., Danville, Va.

The healing of Mrs. Susie Richards and Sister Sophirona Turner, both are seriously ill; Mr. Richardson to be healed of ulcerated stomach.—Brother Clarence Denson, 431 Rogers Rd., Millside, Wilmington, Del.

The complete healing of my little son who was badly scalded on March 9, he is almost healed with the exception of a place on his neck.—Mrs. Forest Harmon, 112 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.

The healing of my wife's back and arm which were injured in a fall; the healing of Brother G. F. Masters of something like rheumatism in one of his limbs.—W. A. Campbell, Gen. Del., Travelers Rest, S. C.

God to undertake for one of my relatives, he is in need of healing, both spiritually and physically.—A Church of God member, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

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THE MINISTER

His Work and the Bible

By REV. M. M. MORTENSON

THE MINISTER AND HISTORY

Without some knowledge of history, it would be simply impossible to even preach a sermon, for without the sacred history contained in the Bible we would have no gospel. Therefore, in reading the Bible, we are students of sacred history, and it would be impossible to express the value of profane history to the minister.

What is history? It is a record of past events, especially in which man has taken part. This definition could be expounded very lengthily, but let us go on, hoping that each one of us shall be students of history.

Bacon said, "Histories make men wise." Some of our ministers have had the opportunity to study history quite extensively, others have not had this opportunity, or availed themselves of it. It has been said that no one man is capable of writing a history of the entire world, because in a whole lifetime spent in reading he would become acquainted with only a very small portion of volumes necessary for him to master before he could write a history of civilization. It is our privilege, however, to read histories written by men who have made the most extensive studies of the certain period which they record.

One of the most important phases of history to the minister is, of course, that in relation to the Church of God. "Landmarks in Christian History" (Rowe) is very good as an introduction or general survey, but is wholly inadequate in giving us the fuller details which are indispensable. This is due, of course, to the necessarily brief accounts of each era covering such a vast period of time in only one volume. "The Works of Flavius Josephus," greatest of all Jewish historians, should be a part of our library. Another popular work is "The Church in History" (Nagler). It is absolutely imperative that we know the history of the Reformation, tracing cruel Roman Catholicism in its effort to enslave humanity under its corrupted institutions. A little sketch of history along this line will not do. I heartily recommend D'Aubigne's

"History of the Reformation." I reiterate, if you have not already done so, do not be satisfied with merely an outline of these events, but take the time to read straight through some good history and you will be surprised and abundantly rewarded. Your preaching will take on new life and authority; you will understand more fully God's care and guidance of the church down through the ages, and its present status.

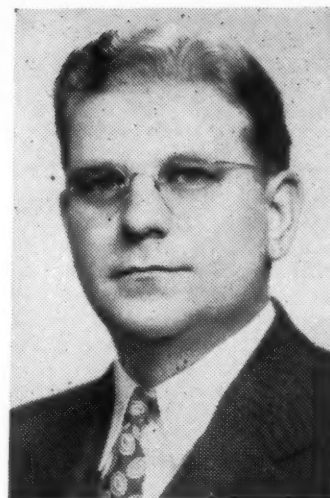
"There is no history, only biography," said Emerson. One of the finest biographical historians after whom I have read, was the staunch Protestant and thorough Christian, Dr. John Lord. He has given us in lecture form fifteen volumes entitled "Beacon Lights of History." Once you have this great set, you will never want to part with it.

I think it is good advice to begin the study of the history of our own country and times, and then go back. The "Harvard Classics" provide much in the various fields of literature. Many of us already have on our library shelves such works as Homer's "Odyssey" and "Iliad," Herodotus' works, Plutarch's "Lives," Carlyle's "French Revolution," Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," Grote's "History of Greece," Durant's "Caesar and Christ," "Foxe's Book of Martyrs."

Let me give here the marvelous tribute Archbishop Poetiers gave to the immortality of books, nearly nine hundred years ago. "Our house is empty, save only myself and the rats and mice, who nibble in solitary hunger. There is no voice in the hall, no tread on the stairs. The clock has stopped, . . . the pump creaks no more.

"But I sit here with no company but books, dipping into dainty honeycombs of literature. All minds in the world's history find their focus in a library. This is the pinnacle of the temple from which we may see all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.

"I keep Egypt and the Holy Land in the closet next the window. On



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the side of them are Athens and the empire of Rome. Never was such an army mustered as I have here. No general ever had such soldiers as I. No kingdom ever had half such illustrious subjects as mine, or half as well governed.

"I put my haughtiest subjects up or down as it pleases me. I call 'Plato' and he answers, 'Here'—a noble, sturdy soldier. 'Aristotle,' 'Here'—a host in himself; 'Demosthenes,' 'Cicero,' 'Caesar,' 'Tacitus,' 'Pliny,'—'Here,' they answer, and they smile at me in their immortal youth.

"Modest all, they never speak unless spoken to. Bountiful all, they never refuse to answer. And they are all at peace together. My architects are building night and day without sound of hammer; my painters designing, my poets singing, my philosophers discoursing, my historians and theologians weaving their tapestries, my generals marching about without noise or blood.

"I hold all Egypt in fee simple. I build not a city, but empires at a word. I can say as much of all the Orient as he who was sent to grass did to Babylon . . .

"All the world is around me, all that ever stirred human hearts or fired the imagination is harmlessly here. My library shelves are the avenues of time. Ages have wrought, generations grown, and all their blossoms are cast down here. It is the garden of immortal fruit, without dog or dragon."

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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

How To Be Perfectly Miserable

Think about yourself.
Talk about yourself.
Use "I" as often as possible.
Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
Listen greedily to what people say about you.
Expect to be appreciated.
Be suspicious.
Be jealous and envious.
Be sensitive to slights.
Never forgive a criticism.
Trust nobody but yourself.
Insist on consideration and respect.
Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
Never forget a service you may have rendered.
Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself.
Shirk your duties if you can.
Do as little as possible for others.
Love yourself supremely.
Be selfish.

This recipe is guaranteed to be infallible.—Unknown.

Protestant Churches in Japan

Christian Observer, states that before the war there were about 209,000 Protestant communicants in Japan, and some 100,000 Roman Catholics. Out of 2,000 Protestant churches, 457 were reported burned during the war. Fires destroyed the homes of 331 ministers, in which they lost their libraries.

Attlee Says Spirituality Needed

Britain's Prime Minister Attlee, speaking before the General Assembly of Scotland, said, "No social system in any country will bring us happiness, health, wealth and prosperity unless it is inspired by something greater than materialism. The world today has need of spiritual leadership."

Archaeological Light on the "Gods"

Sunday School Times gives us the following usage of the word "god": Archaeological discoveries show that

the word "god" met the eye on every hand in the Near East in New Testament times, and in the period leading up to the New Testament Era. An official inscription of the year 48 B. C spoke of Julius Caesar, who was then dictator, as "the god made manifest, offspring of Ares and Aphrodite, and common saviour of human life." In other inscriptions our eye meets the formula for an oath, "by Caesar, god of god," from the first year of Augustus Caesar, and in another inscription from Socnopaei Nesus in Egypt, dated March 17, 24 B. C., the title "god of god," which is likewise given to Augustus. A goodly number of additional examples could be given; let two suffice: A calendar inscription from Priene speaks of the birthday of Augustus as the birthday "of the 'god,'" and in the days of Paul, Nero was actually called "the good god."

In view of this overworked usage of the word 'god,' it is refreshing to read Christ's authoritative statement, "There is none good but one, that is, God" (Mark 10:18). Our Lord set aside these would-be-gods—Julius Caesar, Nero, and all the others, and pointed out not only the fact of the existence of the one true God, but also His essential characteristic goodness. Furthermore, Christ speaks as though to reject the application to Himself of the title, "Good Master"; He was not merely a good master; He was either God in the flesh or He was nothing.

One World

While the "Big Four" and allied nations strive to govern the affairs of a tottering world, we see the final efforts at work to unite mankind into a common brotherhood which Christian teachers and writers realize will finally produce Satan's last stroke at ruling mankind and holding the creation dominant in sin. This effort, regardless of how seemingly appropriate it is for the present, will fail and man's ideals of "one world" will also fail. What man cannot do, however, will be done at the coming of Christ, when He who broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew

and Gentile (Eph. 2:14) sets up His kingdom on earth, wherein "nothing shall hurt or destroy in my holy mountain" will be the law of inspiration and obedience of all kingdom subjects.

"The American Tragedy"

An article, according to *Prairie Overcome*, appeared in the *S. S. World* in which the author presented the Sunday School as the great cure for crime:

"The article presses the Sunday School as the great cure for crime. It quotes J. Edgar Hoover as stating that 'juvenile delinquencies are spearheading an army of 6,000,000 law-breakers in a new crime wave.' It quotes the *N. Y. Times* as saying 'that arrests of girls under eighteen increased' almost 200 per cent since 1939. A policewoman states that 'the records show that the greatest increase has been in the fourteen-year-old group.' All the while it is admitted that during the past ten years Sunday School membership has fallen off from ten to twenty per cent in the large Protestant groups. The pity of this appeal for a revival of Sunday School attendance is that so many of the teachers have nothing to teach."

Perilous Times

Surely this is the day, at least in its beginning, when "perilous times" are in plain view. Anti-Christian political power is everywhere on the increase, with a determination to do the other nation before they get an advantage of an opposing nation. Love for self and hate for God and others has brought about these sinister days.

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INDIFFERENCE

J. L. Thornhill

Text: "Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?" Lam. 1:12.

Jeremiah was sitting in a cave overlooking Jerusalem when He gave us the language of this text. The touching songs and strains of this book lie in the fact that it is the disclosure of the love and sorrow of the Lord for the very people whom He has chastened—a sorrow wrought by the Spirit in the heart of Jeremiah. "But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eyes shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive," Jer. 13:17. In the catalog of all the evils of this world there is not one more dangerous than this one to a Christian. Then, what is "indifference"? As a preacher of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, when preaching on any Bible subject, we need to know what we are talking about and what we are trying to preach. Definition: the state of being unconcerned; impartiality; absence of choice or interest; unconcernedness; unimportance. It has practically the same definition as "apathy," which is a low degree of feeling; insensible to pain; indifferent; unconcerned, etc. Now then, this gives us an idea of what we are attempting to preach about, does it not?

We, as Church of God preachers, should not be afraid to preach the whole truth—doctrine. Indifference to this doctrine will sooner or later make religion anemic, which means to be wanting or needing spiritual life. A modernist remarked, "If a church forgets or neglects its doctrine, it

soon loses its distinction, as well as its evangelistic urge, and is soon lost in the maze of nominal Christianity."

Indifference, armed up with unconcernedness and carelessness, if allowed to have any place in our lives, means shipwreck for us, as well as loss of fervor and power for service. In going about from place to place, visiting the various organized

age or lack of spiritual fervor, urge and power. Indifference inebriates, chills one off, throws him off guard many times, thereby causing him to lose that urge, stamina, courage and interest that every Christian necessarily must have in order to keep moving on for God. We need to preach the full gospel; that is, all the teachings of the Church of God. In all the thirty years of my experience, I have often heard the old, old worn-out story voiced by full-gospel ministers who do not see the decline of doctrinal preaching. We sometimes hear them say, "But we all know what the baptism with the Holy Ghost means, and we have more light and power than our predecessors." The implication or inference is, of course, that we are immune to faults because of the Pentecostal blessing. We should keep our vision ever new by faith, prayer, consecration and good living. We can never renew our vision and expectancy of the Lord's return by merely making a study of the doctrine. It takes more, much more than that.

It is a dangerous time in the history of the church when it is taken for granted that everyone knows and believes the doctrines and they are no longer preached or taught. It is the doctrine of the Church of God which characterizes it as a church and differentiates it from other Christian churches. Therefore, we should never allow the spirit of lethargy, unconcernedness, carelessness and indifference to disturb that deep-settled peace planted down in our soul by the Holy Ghost. We

would be very greatly benefited if we would take time to study where the other great soul-saving movements failed God. Failure and lack of awareness on their part, undoubtedly, were the cause of their failings. The fact, then, that they failed God should give birth and rise to a real living expectancy for the return of the Lord

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churches, we will often hear the members talking—some, of course, with reluctance—of the lassitude and shortcomings of our people today. Many of our ministers perhaps just take this condition for granted, because they think it prevails in every church throughout the country. However, I think it would do us good to seriously consider the cause for such a short-

... Falsehood ...

Exodus 20:16, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Psa. 34:13, "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

Psa. 101:5, 7, "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbors, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

Prov. 6:16-19, "These six things doth the Lord hate: Yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Prov. 10:18, "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool."

Prov. 12:19, "The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment."

Prov. 12:22, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Prov. 13:5, "A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame."

Prov. 14:8, "The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit."

Prov. 17:7, "Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince."

Prov. 15:5, "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape."

Prov. 19:22, "The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar."

Prov. 20:17, "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel."

Prov. 21:16, "The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death."

Prov. 24:28, "Be not a witness against thy neighbor without cause; and deceive not with thy lips."

Prov. 26:18, 19, "As a man who casteth firebrands, arrows and death, so is the man that deceiveth his

neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport?"

Prov. 26:24-28, "He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not; for there are seven abominations in his heart. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin."

Matt. 15:19, 20, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

Matt. 19:18, Jesus said, "Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness."

Luke 3:14, "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse

any falsely; and be content with your wages."

John 8:43-45, "Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

Eph. 4:25, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

Eph. 2:29, Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

1 Tim. 1:9, 10, "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine."

Rev. 21:8, "... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

For in Such an Hour as Ye Think Not

Mrs. Virginia R. Merchant

"The Son of man cometh." Yes, and will find so many unprepared! Some people seem to think they'll get a special message from Jesus, saying, "I'm on my way back; be ready for me." Then there are some who don't believe it at all. We must have our garments spotless and white and be looking for His coming. There'll be signs, of course, of His coming. Matt. 24:29, 30, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall ap-

pear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." For the ones who are not ready, I am reminded of a little incident that happened to me. My house was torn up and we had not been up long. As I have two small children, I hadn't quite got around to housecleaning, when a lady friend whom I hadn't seen for some time dropped by to spend the day. While she sat and looked on I set things in order, and I was certainly embarrassed. As I was getting things arranged, I thought of that scripture that says: "Therefore be ye

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Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians

HORACE McCracken

(NOTE: This article ran in part with another article by the same author in June 8 issue, therefore, we are rerunning it in part so the readers may have the entire article.)

The "deeper experiences of famous Christians" are, according to the title page, "gleaned from their biographies, autobiographies and writings, by James Gilchrist Lawson, Evangelist." The author states that "the great object of this book is to describe, in their own words so far as possible, the deepest spiritual experiences of the most famous Christians of all ages and climes." He has searched in the libraries of America and Europe for the cream of Christian literature. He describes briefly the working of the Spirit in the Old Testament, New Testament, and lives of early saints, and goes on to relate the deeper spiritual experiences of such men as Savonarola, Bunyan, Whitefield, Cartwright, Finney, Moody, and many others. The emphasis is constantly on the work of the Holy Spirit in these persons' lives. Let me quote parts of a few paragraphs concerning the baptism of Charles G. Finney, in 1821, starting with a quotation from Finney's own words:

"But as I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me, without any recollection that I had ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Ghost descended on me in a manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed, it seemed to come in waves of liquid love, for I could not express it in any other way. It seemed like the very breath of God. I can recollect distinctly that it seemed to fan me, like immense wings."

The next morning, "Finney went to his office, and the waves of power continued to flood his soul. When Squire Wright came into the office, Finney said a few words to him about the salvation of his soul. He made no reply, but dropped his head and went away. Finney says, 'I thought no more of it then, but afterward found that the remark I made pierced him like a sword; and he did not recover from it till he was converted.'

"Almost every person Finney spoke to during the day was stricken with conviction of sin and afterwards found peace with God. His words seemed to pierce their hearts like arrows. Al-

though he had been fond of law, Finney now lost all taste for it and for every other secular business. His whole desire now was to preach the gospel and to win men to Christ."

Well, there you have a sample. I find the book valuable in the following three ways: (1) teaching, encouragement, and inspiration for myself; (2) source material for speaking, for it is rich in illustration material; (3) lending to other Christian friends who do not understand the Holy Spirit. For being such an interesting, readable book, it is the best I know of to introduce to, say, the members of formal churches, the nature and work of the Holy Spirit. And I particularly recommend it to persons who are seeking the Baptism, for the more you know about the Holy Spirit the more anxiously and intelligently you will seek to have Him in your life.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This book can be purchased for \$2.00 at the Church of God Publishing House.

The Reception and the Purpose of the Holy Ghost

To every reception there is a preliminary, and so it is with the receiving of the Holy Ghost. Certain conditions must be in existence within man's mind, heart and soul. His mind must contain faith; his soul, redemption or the blood, and his heart must be acceptable in the sight of God, before he can receive the Holy Ghost.

I. How We Receive Him:

ACTS 10:44. BY HEARING

There must be a hearing of the Word of God. Man must listen to that word and adhere to what it teaches. Man must hear with an attentive and believing ear, an ear of faith. The ear is one channel to a man's mind, that mind which can grasp and reason out the truth he hears. The mind can make its own decisions and accept or reject the truth. Therefore, hearing the Word helps one to receive the Holy Spirit if he believes that which he hears.

ACTS 15:8. HEART CONDITION

Then there must be a heart which is acceptable before God Almighty. A clear heart, a pure heart, one that

has been sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. The heart and the mind of man must agree. They must both believe the same thing. They must hold the same thought or conception, else confusion will result. Therefore, God looks into the heart of man before He gives him the Holy Spirit. If confusion is there (God is not the author of confusion), He will not give him the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost will not dwell where there is confusion.

JOHN 20:22

When God made man in the garden, He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Today man must have a very close contact with God (a consecrated life) in order for God to fill him with the Holy Ghost. When we get so close to God that we can feel His breath upon our countenance, we can receive the Holy Ghost.

LUKE 24:49

We can come into that close contact with God for He said: "Draw (Continued on page 14)

Sunday School Methods

By Clifford Jenkerson

THE TEACHER WITH A "GO YE" SPIRIT IN EVANGELISM

Prov. 11:30, "*... he that winneth souls is wise.*"

Luke 19:10, "*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*"

Dan. 12:3, "*And they (Sunday School teachers) that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*"

The teacher's first and foremost task is to win them to Christ. The preparation of every lesson should be aimed in the direction of leading souls to God. Remember, dear teacher, your heart must be overflowing and stirred to see souls saved and brought to a knowledge of the truth. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," Matt. 6:21. If you go about your work halfheartedly and with no interest in the salvation of the lost, you surely have missed your calling as a teacher of God's Word, and the vision of the value of a lost soul has long since been "black-out" by worldly desires and ambitions. Christ is your Biblical example. He was forever trying to teach someone of salvation. He was seeking to save the lost anywhere and everywhere.

The SWORD of the SPIRIT is the WORD OF GOD. Thus, if you are minus a knowledge of the WORD OF GOD, then you are fighting without a sword. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." You are not placed over the class to play "nursemaid" for an hour, or to entertain until the bell rings, but to teach the message of God to both sinner and saint. The value of ONE SOUL was illustrated by our Lord when he said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Clarence Benson, a great authority on Sunday School work, has this to say about the teacher's opportunity of "soul winning."

"Teachers can win the confidence

of their pupils, and for this reason are often in a better position to guide them in spiritual matters than either parents or pastor. This is especially true in the teen age when the adolescent is noticeably more reticent and less confidential. Of course, every Sunday School teacher should be brought to recognize her strategic position as an evangelist. This should be emphasized in her training and in her consecration. In fact, the unfruitfulness of evangelistic effort in our Sunday Schools would not be so conspicuously apparent if instruction in evangelism were required as a prerequisite for all teachers. Here again we can see the importance of the study of personal evangelism in every teacher-training course . . . She must have confidence not only in her call of God for this task of winning the lost, but also in her training, if she is to go about it in an intelligent and enthusiastic manner. The teacher cannot hope to win the child for any cause until she has won him to herself. To be a soul-winner she must first of all be a child-winner; and to win his affections and love, her instruction must not only be with intelligence and interest, but she must enter into his life and share with him the things that to him are the first importance."

JESUS TAUGHT THE TEACHERS TO TEACH OTHER TEACHERS

It is the duty of the church, through the order of "teachers" whom God has set in the church, to teach others. The first thing Jesus did in setting up His earthly institution, the church, which He empowered and commissioned, even before and after His death, was to teach the teachers (His disciples), and these teachers, taught by the "teacher come from God," prepared and trained, went forth to teach and to make teachers of others. Their duty was to teach men to observe and do the things Jesus commanded. It is said that of the ninety times Jesus was addressed in Scripture, He was called "teacher" sixty times. Jesus, on that last night, said to His disciples, "Ye call me

"teacher and Lord: and ye say well, for so I am." Christ set the example for the church by setting up His "school of twelve" and instructing them. The church must "teach" its disciples today and especially instruct and train its "teachers" to teach and rightly divide the Word of Truth.

The weakest link in the local church Sunday School administration today seems to be the lack of an efficient system or method for the training and preparing of "teachers" and "officers" to fill the thousands of Sunday School positions. These positions are the key points for the promulgation of the doctrines of salvation and the principals which strengthen the entire movement. These workers are unprepared and untrained, in many cases; not because of any deficiency of their own, but because of an inadequate nation-wide progressive Sunday School program. If our cause merits our earnest attention and the best of our substance as well as our love of heart, mind, soul, and strength, then we will give account to God for our "neglect of so great salvation" in failing to direct the training and preparing of local church "teaching ministry." To do this, no doubt, calls for something beyond a mere "recommendation."

Yet, in spite of any handicaps, a teacher who really wants to be a blessing and is studious can procure a reading course suitable to the age group over which she is responsible, and learn at home. Or, perhaps, the pastor has a system all his own to prepare and train workers. The growth of any church and Sunday School depends a great deal on the development of prospective teachers and officers, and the continued development of its present force of laborers. Many churches (especially larger) have found it profitable and worth-while to organize a regular class in Sunday School for the purpose of training its workers and prospects. If the teacher is to be a soul-winner, then, without fail, her course of instruction must of necessity include a study of personal evangelism.

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Overcoming Temptations

PFC. EULOS L. BROWN

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne," Rev. 3:21.

The text that I am using concerning temptations, I think, is of vital concern to every Christian today. "Overcoming Temptations" is a subject that should not be taken too lightly, because in overcoming is the only hope of reaching the eternal God and our heavenly home. Temptation is one of the greatest weapons used by Satan in the world today to hinder the progress of a child of God, and to lure one away from a deeply consecrated life to God. From the very moment a person repents of his sins and steps out on the promises of God, he is met by manifold temptations which seem to knock him off his feet and tend to turn his heart and mind back to the things which he had left behind, but in the midst of temptations we can hear the sweet soft voice of Jesus as He says, "Lo, I am with thee." Glory to God! Oh, it is such a glorious consolation to have the assurance that Jesus is with us and that His blood paid the price for our redemption and we can have the victory over sin, death, hell, and the grave through His death and resurrection.

In referring to our text, let us get the thought. The angel in the vision said to John, "To him that overcometh." Many people have started at one time in their lives to serve God, but some temptation has crossed their path and they have yielded to the snare of the devil and lost their experience with God. Some of them will offer an excuse that "it was just too hard"; but the scripture has said, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." The angel was not speaking to the "Christian" who gives up when he is tempted, but it is that man or woman, boy or girl, who "overcomes" the temptations who is going to be privileged to sit with Christ in His throne. There must be some enduring along this way, if we are to be accounted worthy to reign with Christ and help to judge the world.

Let us think for just a little while on the fourth chapter of the Gospel

of Matthew. We find Jesus, who was our example, in three of the greatest temptations of His life. Did He yield? No, thank God! He endured, He resisted the devil and came forth victorious. Praise God! James said, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," James 4:7. Thank God, we can do it, too, if we will only submit ourselves to God and trust in Him. The Lord will take us through every temptation and trouble of life if we only cast ourselves into His hand and trust in His Word.

Being a soldier in the U. S. Army, I have experienced some temptations that perhaps some people haven't experienced, but the Lord has given me grace and power to stand the tests and to keep the victory in Him. Praise His dear name! There are many accounts I could give, but time and space will not permit. I will say that

I believe there are very few people in our day who have been confronted with such trials and temptations as a Christian Service man. Many have given up their salvation and lost the victory, but there are numerous men of God, who have been persecuted, perplexed, tempted and tried on every hand, yet they never yielded, but "endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Tim. 2:3.

We don't have to be overcome by Satan and the powers of hell, and we must not be! The time is short and Jesus is going to be looking for an overcoming people, when He comes. We must hold on to God and be willing to suffer with Him. We must press the battle in the short time that is left and, then, our Savior will appear, "to them that look for him . . ." Heb. 9:28. He would not let us be tempted above that we are able; but will, with the temptation make a way for our escape," and His Word is Truth.

Much more could be said on this subject, but space will not permit. May everyone who reads this message receive courage and inspiration to overcome temptations and keep the victory over sin. Amen.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA



The above church building is now complete, located on a paved street in the City of Lenoir, N. C. It is a nice building, with steel-truss roof, scratched-face brick, stained-glass windows, hardwood floor, factory-built pews, elevated auditorium floor, and choir. It has a pastor's study, a youth library, eight nice Sunday School rooms, and furnace room. The auditorium is 40x70 feet, with two 6x12-foot wings; also, has basement. The front has an 8x26-foot vestibule, with two modern rest rooms. The cost of this building is near \$19,000. We believe it to be one of the best-built churches in the movement.—H. D. Williams, pastor.

B. T. S. Speaks . . .

The Most Notable Occurrence in My Life

There isn't a Christian who does not have a testimony, and, as that is so, I want my North American brethren to know mine.

The occurrence that is most notable and important, as well as the most unforgettable, in a Christian's life is the moment when he is saved. I was saved Nov. 20, 1941, at the age of seventeen years. This is the day of National Jubilee in Mexico. Everybody (with the exception of Christians) is in the dances, banqueteo, etc. That evening, I was at a dance when suddenly I felt a desire to go to church; but I wanted to evade it because my physical condition, due to alcohol, was not as it should be. A strange power was calling me, so I invited two friends who graciously went with me, thinking that it was one of my foolish ideas.

In church, I saw the face of my

mother shining with joy. That atmosphere brought me to reality and I began to feel ashamed of the condition in which I found myself, with the odor of alcohol coming from my body. On hearing the call of the minister, I only remember going to the altar. I began to weep. I do not know how long I was kneeling but I know that when I opened my eyes, the church was empty except for my two companions, the pastor, and few others. I arose and went to join my friends. On the road, they tried to persuade me that I was drunk, and many such things, but I knew what had taken place! I could feel salvation in my heart. I did not say anything because I could not prove it, but in time they knew that I bade farewell to the world that evening. My life, my ideals changed; I lost my friends, and the love of my family became less. I suffered much for this. I was despised and even hated by my friends for not accepting their invita-

tions to the world; but, on the other hand, I received the Friend of friends, the Savior of my soul, Jesus Christ.

When a few months had passed, I began to stand in the pulpit to preach. I was baptized in water, and at the same time with the Holy Spirit, in 1942.

I abandoned my work and dedicated all my time, youth, and life to work in the Church of God in which I was saved.

My ambition now is to take from fanaticism and error the Mexican youth, whose lives are given over to vice and perdition, and who are plunged into the religious fanaticism of the Catholic Church, which will take them to hell.

Oh, how hard is this task! but how powerful is He who sends us. He promises to be with us always (Matt. 28:20). Now I beg you to pray for me that I may be a blessing to my people, to bring many souls to Jesus, and thus to the Church of God, whose doctrine is the truth. Pray for me—*Josue Beltran Rubio*.

HIGHWAY CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL, FYFFE, ALA., RT. 1



The Sunday School of Highway, Ala., on the second Sunday of May, broke previous records for attendance by having present a total of 254. In the past three years, the Sunday School has built and almost furnished a modern

five-room parsonage, seen in background of above picture (side view). The Sunday School extends to all a hearty welcome each Sunday at 9:45 a. m.—*R. H. Maxwell, reporter*.

ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS

Second Quarter

Alabama	\$5,580.24
Arizona	493.03
Arkansas	702.05
California	453.30
Colorado	24.56
Connecticut	12.08
Delaware	28.73
District of Columbia	20.64
Florida	1,900.62
Georgia	1,576.52
Idaho	43.15
Illinois	644.89
Indiana	103.02
Iowa	80.35
Kansas	135.09
Kentucky	574.58
Louisiana	317.42
Maine	66.46
Maryland	410.28
Massachusetts	7.47
Michigan	432.27
Minnesota	10.65
Mississippi	457.64
Missouri	1,556.52
Montana	64.16
Nebraska	20.30
New Jersey	19.00
New Mexico	194.00
New York	8.49
North Carolina	2,168.87
North Dakota	259.46
Ohio	748.10
Oklahoma	279.11
Oregon	49.75
Pennsylvania	372.36
South Carolina	5,045.83
South Dakota	170.45
Tennessee	6,629.27
Texas	759.19
Virginia	1,667.40
Washington	78.73
West Virginia	876.66
Wisconsin	38.58
Wyoming	4.05
Miscellaneous	33.24
Ontario	—
Saskatchewan	2.80
Manitoba	3.14

MISSION RECEIPTS

Second Quarter

Alabama	\$7,024.39
Arizona	924.74
Arkansas	136.04
California	258.50
Colorado	88.37
Connecticut	3.67
Delaware	35.89
District of Columbia	25.25
Florida	4,572.78
Georgia	2,498.88
Idaho	30.41
Illinois	444.36

Indiana	149.47
Iowa	53.51
Kansas	64.04
Kentucky	396.24
Louisiana	142.31
Maine	35.47
Maryland	220.05
Massachusetts	5.53
Michigan	365.85
Minnesota	6.27
Mississippi	233.65
Missouri	1,220.04
Montana	59.05
Nebraska	4.25
New Jersey	75.93
New Mexico	91.53
New York	43.96
North Carolina	9,510.92
North Dakota	722.61
Ohio	698.51
Oklahoma	131.31
Oregon	41.21
Pennsylvania	249.33
South Carolina	4,087.26
South Dakota	36.56
Tennessee	4,952.24
Texas	607.83
Virginia	794.23
Washington	67.17
West Virginia	668.04
Wisconsin	23.57
Ontario	8.31
Saskatchewan	265.58
Manitoba	7.44

TESTIMONY...

BLUE RIDGE, Ga.—Dear Evangel Family, greetings in Jesus' name. It has been some time since I testified through the Evangel, the little paper I love so well. It really has a hearty welcome in my home and is food to my soul. I do not have the privilege of being with the saints, as I live so far away from the Church of God and have no way to go, also have an invalid sister to care for, but I still have real salvation and still trust the Lord for both soul and body. I have had some real tests but, praise God, He has never failed me yet. I am so glad I accepted the Lord when He called me. When I was in sin and trampling His mercy under my feet, He laid His hand on me and said, "Come, follow me." It was in 1916 when He called me out of darkness into His marvelous light and I am still following Him. I have never been tired of the way. I just feel better as I journey on. Praise His name forever! He means more to me than this whole world. You can have all this world but give me Jesus. Pray for me to be a light to this

community up in the Blue Ridge mountains. Pray for my unsaved loved ones to be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2.

THE MINISTER'S PAGE

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In the study of history, to us as ministers of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, it must always be with the view in mind of the fulfillment of the divine plan of the ages. I like the words of Thomas Curtis Clark: "Proud Caesar came in strength of steel. The panoply of war was his. At his command men poured forth life. The cities perished, nations fell. He left as heritage a blood-stained tide; he came, he scorned, he slaughtered—and he died.

"The meek Christ came, His strength the true, a heart of love His panoply. At His command men found their lives. The cities flourished, nations grew. As heritage, the reign of peace He gives; He came, He loved, He pitied—and he lives." Thank God for the miracle of history in the person of Christ our Lord! "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:26, 27.

No one who has a stubborn will can be in the center of God's will or directed by the Holy Spirit.

TRACTS

We can furnish the following tracts at 75c a pound, assorted or otherwise:

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An Address to Students and Soldiers
What God Says to His Soldiers
The Way of Salvation
A Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape From Death
Separation
Charlie Coulson
John Three Sixteen
Archibald Boyle
The Progress of the Church of God
Facing the Enemy
Teachings of the Church of God

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Montgomery Ave.
Cleveland, Tennessee

REVIVALS

BREWSTER, Ohio—We, at Brewster, Ohio, do truly thank and praise God for a good revival the week of April 14. Our evangelist, Brother Emmett Vestal, known as Texas Slim Vestal, is truly a man of God, a converted gangster, twice condemned to death, but pardoned by God and man. This man's testimony and messages are really wonderful. Four precious souls were saved and many saints blessed.—Mrs. Orvel Kerby, clerk.

GREENVILLE, N. C.—We have had a good revival at Grendal Creek, conducted by Brother F. A. Collier, who did some good preaching under the power of the Holy Ghost. The saints were revived and many received a blessing. Eight were saved, six sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were left with a stronger determination to press on. Pray for us at Grendal Creek.—Mary Hannah.

GREENVILLE, Miss.—A successful revival has just been closed at Greenville, Miss. The devil said Greenville had reached her climax. You who know Greenville know it has had a severe blow from the devil twice, but I kept telling the saints God was going to give the increase, if we would only keep close to the Lord. We began to fast and pray. Brother Earl Brewer, of near Hattiesburg, Miss., came our way. We started a revival the 22nd of April and it ran four weeks. The Lord added eighteen new members, some of the best people the town affords. Nineteen were baptized in water and nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Brewer went home after four weeks but we went on a few nights longer. Five more were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost.

We covet your prayers for this city; it is stirred as never before.—Rev. A. B. Everett, pastor, Box 583.

CELINA, Tex.—A short time ago, a two weeks' revival closed here with Brother Dannie Renfrow and Brother Harold Stephens helping us. Both were fine, promising young preachers. Their music and singing was greatly enjoyed. About thirteen or more were saved, some sanctified and some baptized with the Holy Ghost. There was

old-time shouting, talking in tongues and dancing. Glory to God! Backsliders came back to God and saints were revived. We observed communion and feet washing at the close of the revival. Pray for us.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins, Box 544.

SOPHIA, W. Va.—A very successful four weeks' revival has just closed at Sophia, W. Va., with Sister Bessie Jones as evangelist, whose messages were as fine as I ever heard and I believe will remain long in the minds and hearts of all who heard them. She left us with a new desire, a new determination to press on, without faltering, to run with patience the race that is set before us. This revival has really revived our church, and was one of the best that has been conducted here. Thirty-one were saved, twenty-one sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church.

We thank the Lord for this good revival. We pray that God will bless the evangelist wherever she goes.—Hazel Lusk, reporter; W. J. Blair, pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed here in Fayetteville, N. C. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Sister Sarah Caison did the preaching when she got a chance. She preached fifteen times out of twenty-two nights and the Holy Ghost took charge of the others. It was wonderful the way the Lord worked. Sister Caison is really an old-time, Holy-Ghost-filled preacher and believes in letting the Lord have His way. This was the greatest revival that has ever been here in Fayetteville. We will never be able to express just what it has meant to us and the church. Twenty-two were saved, fifteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. One man during the revival came to the altar to be saved. He was saved that night and died the next week with a testimony that he had just made it through in time. Another has died who attended the service. We are so glad for what God has done for us.

Pray for us here, that every one will obey the Lord and be willing to do

whatever He wants us to do and that Fayetteville will be a soul-saving station for poor lost souls.

We are also proud of our good pastor, Brother H. B. Turlington, and his family, and praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying his wife during the revival. She has been added to the church. We praise God for this, for it is a blessing to the church and to their home. Pray for her, that she will receive the Holy Ghost and that the Lord will heal her body.—Mrs. E. M. Marks, 201 N. Atkinson St.

TENNELINA, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here conducted by Rev. Truett Presley, of Black Mountain, N. C. There were many souls blessed, eleven saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost.

We surely appreciate our good pastor, Rev. C. J. Dockery, and his wife and family. We feel that he is a man of God and is filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel that he has improved the church work since he came to Tannelina.—Mrs. Tom Gowan, Wolf Creek, Tenn.

PARROTT, Va.—We have closed a wonderful revival with Brother L. S. Haymore, of Danville, Va., as our evangelist. His preaching was enjoyed by all and the Lord blessed from the first service until the last. This was the best revival Parrott has ever been known to have. The whole community was stirred. Our church some nights would not seat all the people. Twenty-five were saved, fifteen sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four baptized in water, and thirty-eight added to the church. We gained five whole families in this revival. Eternity alone will reveal the good this revival has done.—R. A. Day, pastor.

CAT ISLAND, Bah.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival, praise the Lord, and power came from heaven like in the days of old and filled the house. Hallelujah! We had Rev. C. L. Turnquest, 434 20th St., West Palm Beach, Fla., to preach for us, assisted by Sister Armbrister. He preached most wonderful sermons and souls were saved. Three were converted, six sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. We had a most glorious time in the Lord.—Elder Leviticus Wallace, Knowles, Cat Island, Bah.

REPORTS... *From the Field*

Good Work at North Charleston

Evangel Readers, we, the Church of God in North Charleston, South Carolina, have a happy report to make concerning the good work God has allowed us to do for Him this Assembly year.

We have taken in at least sixty new members so far this year, making our total membership one hundred and thirty-one.

After the war closed, we lost twenty families because of their going back to their original homes—but God has given us several good revivals, replacing new members for the ones transferred, until the church at present is in far better condition in every way than at any other time.

We have had some outstanding evangelists with us this year; namely, Morris Lee and wife, Carl Cox, Lee Walton, S. C. Chambers, and Carroll Hodges. Every one of these good ministers gave us a grand boost in the growth of our church, and their ministry was deeply appreciated.

We have also sponsored an expensive building program. At present we have a beautiful brick church, with a spacious Sunday School department consisting of eight rooms, with rest rooms.

Our building program was a remodeling job. Every one says it couldn't be beat for a worked-over building. Much credit goes to Rev. H. F. Douglas for the nice original structure he was responsible for at this place.

Men who are in position to know, have stated the value of our church building at \$35,000. We have paid all this indebtedness except one last note of \$1,000. We hope to be free of debt by the General Assembly.

We love our faithful pastor, J. A. Whitlow, and his good wife. They have worked hard at the job here. We believe they love us. This is the reason God has worked so wonderfully in our midst.

We wish we could tell all the good things we have enjoyed this year, but do let us say that many souls have prayed through to victory in this wonderful, friendly little church.

One dear sister was prayed for who

had an inward cancer. One week from that day it dropped from her body. We give God the honor and praise.—A. H. Head, church clerk, 38-D Tom McMillan Homes, Navy Yard 53, S. C.

Have Only Good Report To Make

CAVE CITY, Ark.—Truly we can praise our God for His great works. We have been hindered on the district by much bad weather, but still He is blessing.

We have had four revivals on the district to date, with near forty saved, and several have prayer through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother and Sister J. Russell, of Little Rock, conducted a two weeks' revival at Cave Creek for us, and some twenty were saved. We are planning a good revival at Cave City beginning July 1, the Lord willing.

Our district convention was excellent. We had such good fellowship, and the Lord was with us from the beginning. Our mission offering went over the \$200 mark. The orphanage offering was good, and the people could shout after it was over.

Well, we simply have no evil report to make. We are looking forward to a work in Batesville soon. We have a man on the job now, waiting for the arrival of a tent.

Looking for something to do? We have a whitened harvest. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." We sincerely desire your prayers.—E. E. Malone, district pastor.

Prospect for Church of God in Fall Brook

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—I thank God for sending Brother W. R. Bazzle and family to Fall Brook; also for Rev. J. E. McGhee and family who have recently come into the church. They are doing a wonderful work there. I was with them Friday night, the 17th, for a service in Brother Bazzle's home. The house was filled. A young man was gloriously saved and healed the night before, and the Spirit of God came down and visited us in a wonderful way.

We are looking forward to a good Church of God there on the strength of Brother Bazzle's coming. He is really out and out for God, and they are doing a great work.—W. P. Wilkins, district overseer, 1030 23rd St.

Great Home-Coming

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — The Church of God here at Winston-Salem had a great home-coming June 16. The record was broken for nearly every department, financially and in attendance. Our big gospel tent was packed to capacity for the occasion. The offering was taken up for our building fund and we received \$2,006. We have here one of the best groups of workers I have ever found in the Church of God anywhere. The Willing Workers have been raising on the average of \$300 a month for the last few months. We are now in the midst of a revival. We ask all our friends everywhere to help us pray that we will have a harvest of souls.—Roland Verrico, pastor, 619 West 27th St.

Appreciate His Blessings

I thank God for our Church of God in Lake City, Fla., and I surely thank Him for saving my soul about fourteen years ago. We thank God for our good pastor and his faithful wife, Brother and Sister Lewis Willis. They are real workers for the Lord, ready to do or go any time, night or day, and we do appreciate them. God has blessed us with a good pianist, Sister Yanke; we are really proud of her, and we have a good quartet. Brother Willis and singers are on the radio every Sunday afternoon from three until three-thirty o'clock, Station WDSR. Everyone who can get this station will hear something good.

It has been a blessing to me and I wish every one could hear them. I want to thank God for the way He healed my daughter about a month ago. She was in the hospital in a serious condition, but, praise the Lord, He understood her case. Someone prayed the prayer of faith for her and she is at home and going to church now. It means much to trust in God. Our revival is starting. Please pray that we will have a soul-stirring revival. We have a great opportunity here. Pray that we will obey the Lord and let Him use us to bring lost souls to Christ.—Mrs. Ray Priest, secretary and treasurer of Y. P. E., Lake City, Fla.

INDIFFERENCE

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Jesus Christ.

So, it is high time for us to make preparation, if we haven't already made it. Preparation, what does it mean? First, the act of making ready; second, readiness; third, that which is made ready; fourth and lastly, condition, state of being ready. We see, then, if we put off making preparation until He comes, it will be too late for us.

We often hear people say, "I would like to go with those holiness people, but they are too ignorant and illiterate for me to follow." Listen, brother, whoever you are, we have some of the best educated and the best trained preachers in the country; not only that, but some of the best speakers and writers to be found in the United States. The world is finding it out, too, don't you forget it. I never thought that I would make this digression, to add this to my discourse, but since I've written it, I'm not going to strike it out. It is so anyhow.

Yes, it is incumbent upon us to stay free of the spirit of indifference. It manifests itself in prayer and studying failures, as well as failures in other things. It robs the sinner of that peace, joy and happiness in this life and, in the life to come, heaven and eternal life. It robs the Christian of his victory, joy and experience. It robs the church as a whole of its light, victory, salvation and power for service. Truly it is time for choice making, time to begin making engagements with our hearts to seek the Lord as we have never sought Him before, for deeper depths and higher heights of His love. Yes, as David of old, it is time for us to advise ourselves and make the choice. Indifference will keep you from making the choice, if you don't mind. David made the choice between three things prescribed for Him. See 1 Chron. 21:13, 14, "And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man. So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men." Choice? Yes, it is time to make your choice, brother. Are you interested? If men go to hell, who cares? "Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS

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FOR TEACHERS TO BETTER PREPARE

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"FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT"

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also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And in Matt. 24:42, 43. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."

It will pay to be on the lookout and be ready, for Jesus won't sit and wait for us to prepare ourselves after He comes. We can't say, "Oh, give me just one minute more, and I'll get ready." No, we must be ready when He comes in the clouds of glory. Oh, what a wonderful meeting in the air! Let us be ready and watching, for in an hour as we think not the Son of man will come and will find many unprepared.

REVIVAL

GRIFFIN, Ga.—We have just closed a revival at Griffin, Ga., with Clarence E. Cates as the evangelist. Twenty-two were saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Pray for us at Griffin, Ga.—C. H. Chambley, pastor, 131 W. Tinsley St.

A REPORT FROM THE FIELD Ronda Still Being Blessed

RONDA, N. C.—We are glad that the Lord is still blessing us here at Ronda. We started a mission work here in a basement about four years ago. Now we have a church with fourteen members. We also have a parsonage, but it isn't finished. Our dear pastor, Rev. F. R. Layell, is now living in the parsonage. Please pray for us, that God will continue to bless.—Miss Deetle Blevins, church clerk.

THE RECEPTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY GHOST

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nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you."

ACTS 9:6

Another way in which the Holy Ghost was given was by the operating of the spiritual gift of laying on of the hands. All of the former conditions must first have been observed. They are essential before infilling of the Holy Ghost can be obtained.

ACTS 1:5

John tells us this is the purpose of Christ's coming. His mission was twofold—to seek and to save that which was lost and to baptize with the Holy Ghost, though many did not receive the Holy Ghost until His ascension back to the Father and the outpouring at Pentecost as in Acts 2:4.

II. Why We Need the Holy Ghost

MARK 13:11

In this day and time, when there is so much perplexity on every side and hand, and we stand in jeopardy of our souls every hour, He can be relied upon in case of an emergency or an urgent cause.

LUKE 4:1

If we are filled with Him, we can easily be led to victory by alertness, wisdom and skill in the use of the Word of God.

ACTS 6:3

To be full of the Holy Ghost is a benefit to the human society of today. He is of benefit in the business world because He makes a man honest, wise and reliable. Acts 6:3.

ROM. 9:1

The Holy Ghost and a clear conscience agree. Whether it be on spiritual things or temporal. Rom. 9:1 and Acts 5:3.

LUKE 3:22

He appeared in a live body. He can exist in our human lives and bodies today.

JOHN 16:13

Here the Holy Ghost is referred to as "He" seven times in this one verse, so we see that He, the Holy Ghost, is a personality—a personality with leadership. One of His characteristics being leadership, He will lead you into all truth. He is a personality that guides people. A guide goes before. He directs the explorer or mountain climber. He does not drive men over the rocky crags. He points them out to him so he can avoid them.

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